UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

CARL RICHARD, :

Petitioner,

v. : No. 2:20-cv-6326

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SCOTT KLINEFELTER¹, et al.,

Respondents.

ORDER

AND NOW, this 24th day of March, 2023, after de novo review of Petitioner's petition for writ of habeas corpus, and upon consideration of the Report and Recommendation ("R&R") of Magistrate Judge Lynne A. Sitarski, ECF No. 19, and in the absence of objections to the R&R²,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- 1. The Report and Recommendation, ECF No. 19, is **APPROVED** and **ADOPTED**;
- 2. The petition for habeas corpus is **DENIED**;
- 3. There is no basis to issue a certificate of appealability; and
- 4. This case is **CLOSED**.

BY THE COURT:

/s/ Joseph F. Leeson, Jr.
JOSEPH F. LEESON, JR.
United States District Judge

The Court substitutes Scott Klinefelter, the Superintendent of SCI Houtzdale, as the respondent in this case. *See* Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases, Rule 2.

Petitioner's deadline to file objections to the R&R passed more than one month ago.